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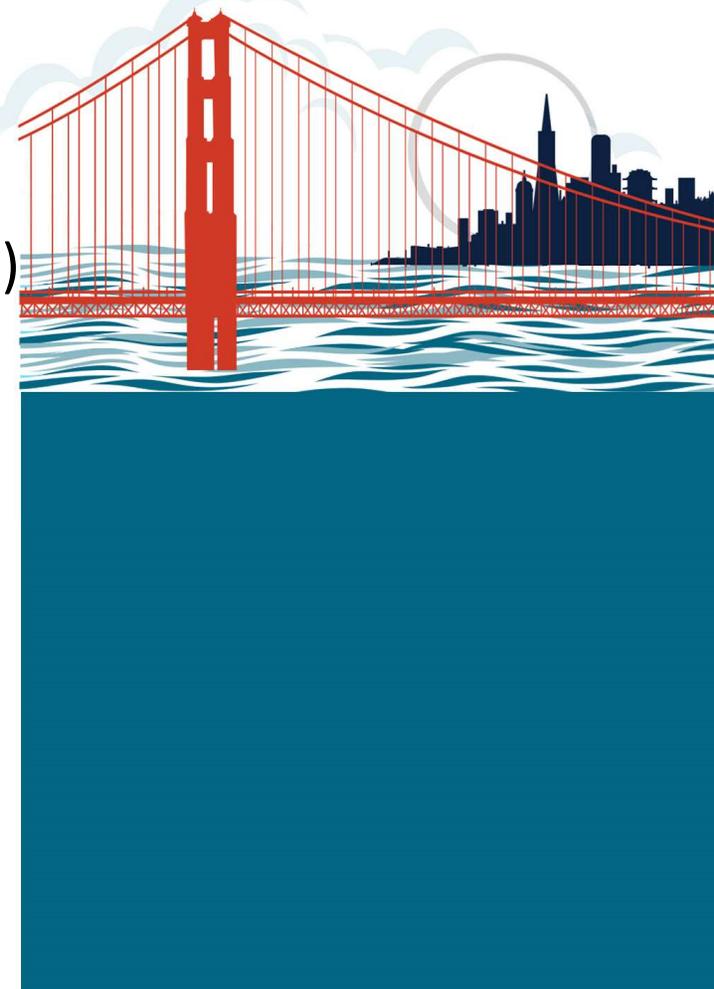
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Current landscape

- Food insecurity contributes to poor health and health disparities and inequities
- Significant growth in nutrition programs (2020 – 2022)
 - SNAP/CalFresh 52% ↑ (101,000 individuals/74,000 households)
 - WIC 30% ↑ (9,000 individuals)
 - SFUSD meals 20% ↑ (8.5 million meals 2021-2022)
- Food insecurity remains high among surveyed participants
 - 80% SF Marin Food Bank clients
 - 72% HSA Food Access Program clients
 - 45% DAS clients

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"As a **public school teacher** and **single mother**, I struggle financially but don't qualify for any government assistance because I make above the poverty line.

Low income in San Francisco is different from other places in the US. There need to be more programs for people like me."

- *RAPID survey respondent, 2022*

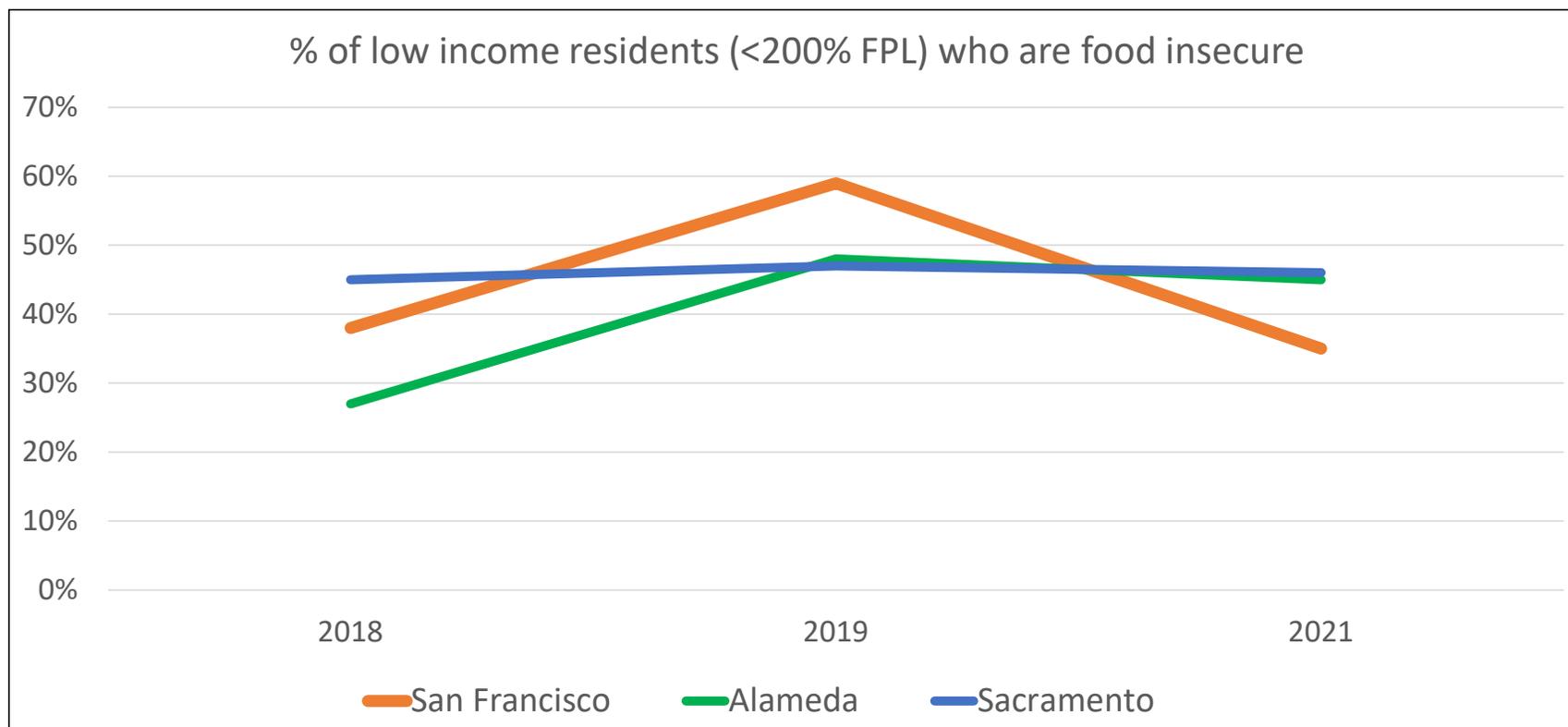


Successes

- SF made significant food security investments since 2020
 - HSA Food Coordination (\$33M)
 - Moved funds into communities quickly
 - Food Plan for District (10) - in progress
 - Forming of Coalitions to elevate community voice
- Investments in food security results in reduced food insecurity rates for low-income SF residents
 - 24% lower from 59% in 2019 to 35% in 2021 for residents under 200% FPL



24% reduction in Food Security for SF Residents under 200% of FPL from 2019 to 2021 SF Experienced Greater Improvement Compared to Other Counties



"My **health was at risk**, due to lack of balanced meals before.

After being a part of this program, my **health is much better.**"

- *Client of a senior nutrition program provider*



Threats

- High housing and food costs plus inflation
 - 10.2% increase in food prices
- Roll-back of funded food programs
 - End of Public Health Emergency (May 11, 2023)
- Significant impacts to SNAP/CalFresh
 - Elimination of SNAP/CalFresh emergency allotments (April 2023)
 - Reduction of \$95 - \$250 in monthly CalFresh benefits – 74,000 households/over 101,000 people
 - \$12M per month reduction in SF
 - End of SNAP/CalFresh temporary student exemptions for college students
- Funding for Human Services Agency Food Access Programs (\$33M)
- Decrease in financial and in-kind support
(tech, corporate, donations)



"The food here is good and healthy, especially the fruits and vegetables - that's what we normally eat. But things are difficult right now, **everything is so expensive.**

I don't have CalFresh, just WIC for my kids. I'm really grateful for the program, it covers a percentage of my costs, but truthfully, **people need more.**"

- *Marta M. - Client of San Francisco Marin Food Bank food pantry*



Recommendation #1 - Funding

1. Support funding structures that promote a holistic approach to food and nutrition security in San Francisco.

- *Invest adequate City resources to support coordinated and long-term solutions to food and nutrition security*
 - Adequate funding to continue existing programs
- Commitment to long-term, multi-year, institutionalized funding (food + coordination)
- Holistic: whole household support, direct financial support to households
- Adequate, equitable and streamlined funding/RFP process for CBOs



Recommendation #2 – Equity & Elimination of Barriers

2. Eliminate barriers and invest strategically in neighborhoods where structural racism and disinvestment have led to low access to healthy and culturally relevant food.

- ***Require and fund programs that are culturally relevant, high quality and dignified***
 - Fund smaller neighborhood organizations
 - Support public spaces for food programs and urban agriculture
- Address Barriers: support delivery and transportation; outreach to underserved communities; strengthen food referral system



Recommendation # 3 - Coordination

3. Increase coordination of local governments' programs and policies related to food systems.

- ***Establish a Centralized Food Policy Office in City Government***
- Eliminate departmental silos
- Streamline and reduce data collection burden
- Regular assessment of SF Food Security (i.e., Biennial Food Security & Equity Report)



Recommendation #4 - Community

4. Elevate the community's voice and participation in the development and implementation of food policy.

- ***Initiatives should be grounded in and led by community wisdom that already exists***
- Establish a Food Coordination/Advisory Body led by communities most impacted
- Support Community Coalitions



Recommendation # 5 - Cross Sector Opportunities

5. Engage the Health and Housing Sectors around Food Security

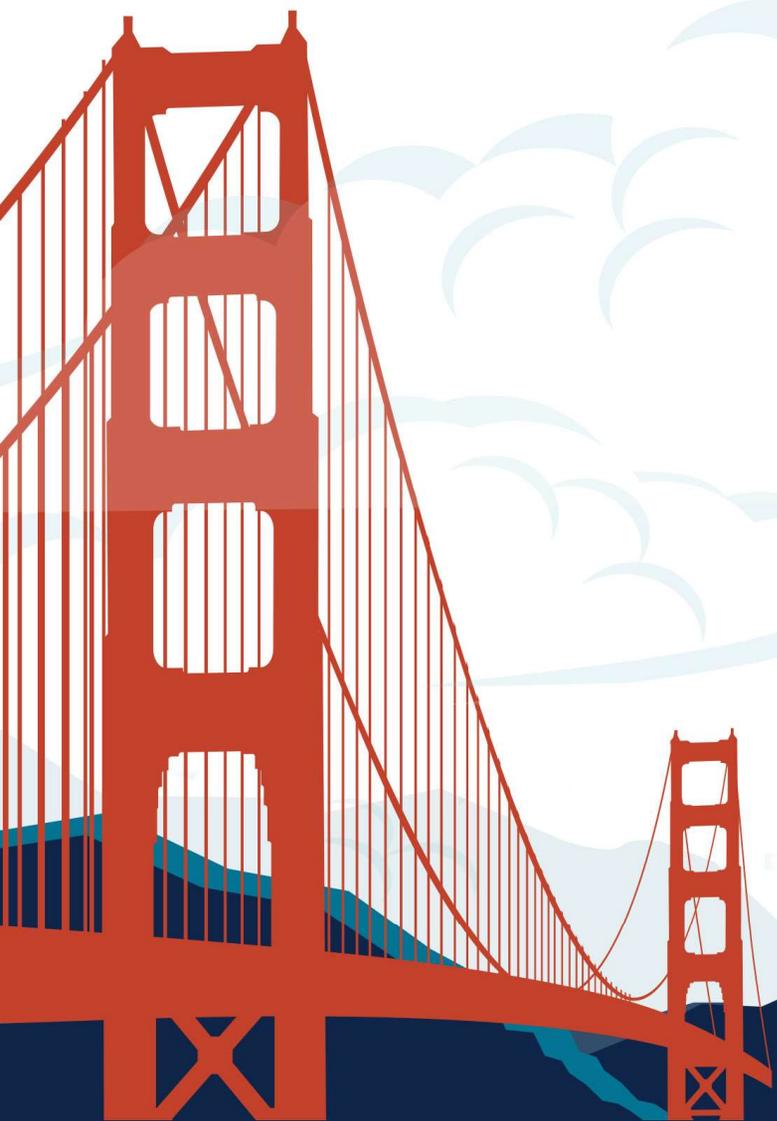
- Implement the full spectrum of **medically supportive food & nutrition interventions** available under California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). Encourage adoption by Managed Care Plans (SF Health Plan)
- **Support Housing + Food Initiatives**
 - Fund food programs for supportive and SRO housing
 - Ensure sufficient food storage and meal preparation equipment
 - Use special revenue funding



Food Security Discussion

- How do these recommendations resonate with you?
- What is your office's goals around food security?
- Discussion of actionable items.
- How can we be helpful to you?





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